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1. Japanese patent application (Kokai) publication no. 2002-56909, describes a slot device that permits a memory card to function properly even when that memory card is inserted, with its upper side down. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

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